(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when it would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Connecting Buddhist Pilgrimages

4096. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to launch a unique express train connecting all the important places of Buddhist pilgrimages in country besides one in Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are details of such centres in Orissa State which would be covered in the train journey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) To facilitate the Buddhist tourists, a tourist train has recently been launched in collaboration with the Indian Railway Tourism and Catering Corporation (IRCTC). Presently this train is running on the following itinerary.

Delhi Safdarjung-Gaya-Bodhgaya (Nalanda and Rajgir by road)-Varanasi (Sarnath by road)-Gorakhpur (Kushinagar and Lumbini by road)-Gonda (Shravasti by road)-Agra-Delhi Safdarjung.

However, this itinerary does not cover any Buddhist pilgrimage centre situated in Orissa.

New PRS at Ambli Road station

†4097. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURYAKANTBHAI ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.